GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:185
ANSWERED ON:01.03.2005
SATI PRATHA
Athawale Shri Ramdas

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of Sati reported during the last five years, State-wise;

(b) whether the persons responsible for those incidents have been prosecuted;

(c) if so, the details of the verdict given in each such case;

(d) the response of the Union Government thereon;

(e) whether the Government propose to enact law to prevent the practice of Sati Pratha;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH):

(a) According to the data on crimes compiled by the National Crime Records Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, no case was registered in any part of the country during the 5 years from 1999 to 2003 under the Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987. Information for the year 2004 has not been received from the States.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987 (Act No. 3 of 1988) is already in force in the country for the prevention of commission of sati.

(g) Does not arise.